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SUBJECT: TURKISH MFA BRIEFS UNSC REPRESENTATIVES

(U) Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch, E.O. 12958, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Summary: Turkish MFA Deputy U/S Ilkin urged UNSC country representatives on April 26 to support lifting the embargo on the "TRNC" and other measures to ameliorate the situation of the TCs following the GC "no" on April 24. He said Turkey is not asking for recognition of the "TRNC." Ilkin said the Annan Plan effort is over and the idea of a second referendum is a "non-starter." He noted that the SYG will brief the UNSC April 28 and requested support for a UNSC statement supporting the TCs, noting GC "intransigence," and emphasizing that the situation on the island has changed. End Summary.

MFA Urges Measures to Help Turkish Cypriots, But Not Recognition

2. (C) Ilkin reviewed the history of the Cyprus problem, recent negotiations and the referendum. Citing DeSoto's April 24 statement, he then urged lifting of the embargo against the "TRNC" and other measures designed to "give Turkish Cypriots a decent life." Restrictions on air and sea traffic should be lifted; the "TRNC" should get assistance from international financial institutions; it should be able to participate in UN bodies like the UNDP and UNICEF; and be allowed to participate in international games and competitions.

3. (C) Ilkin pointedly noted that Turkey is not requesting international recognition for the "TRNC." Recognition would be "ideal," but the GOT wants to be "realistic" and its first priority is helping the TCs.

"The Annan Plan Exercise Has Come to an End"

4. (C) Ilkin noted that under the terms of the Annan Plan the GC "no" renders it "null and void." Ilkin declared the idea of a second referendum, even if limited to the south, "a non-starter." "The Annan Plan exercise has come to an end," he declared.

5. (C) Ilkin assesses that the GCs' goal is to "annex" TCs into the existing Republic of Cyprus and that the GCs are not ready for a new partnership. Turkey and the TCs will never agree to this.

April 28 UNSC Briefing

6. (C) Ilkin noted that the SYG will brief the UNSC on Cyprus on April 28. He is uncertain what format the briefing will take, but he called for UNSC members to express support for the TCs, note GC "intransigence," and emphasize that the situation on Cyprus has changed. Ilkin hopes the SYG's briefing will result in a UNSC statement containing those points because "people have short memories."

7. (C) Ilkin emphasized that Cyprus continues to be a critical issue for Turkey and that Turkey will judge its international friends by their degree of support for TCs. Support on Cyprus will not be separated from other aspects of bilateral relations; verbal support should be followed by acts.

8. (C) After the meeting, German Counselor Hassman noted that U/S Ziyal gave essentially the same briefing to EU members representatives earlier on April 26.

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